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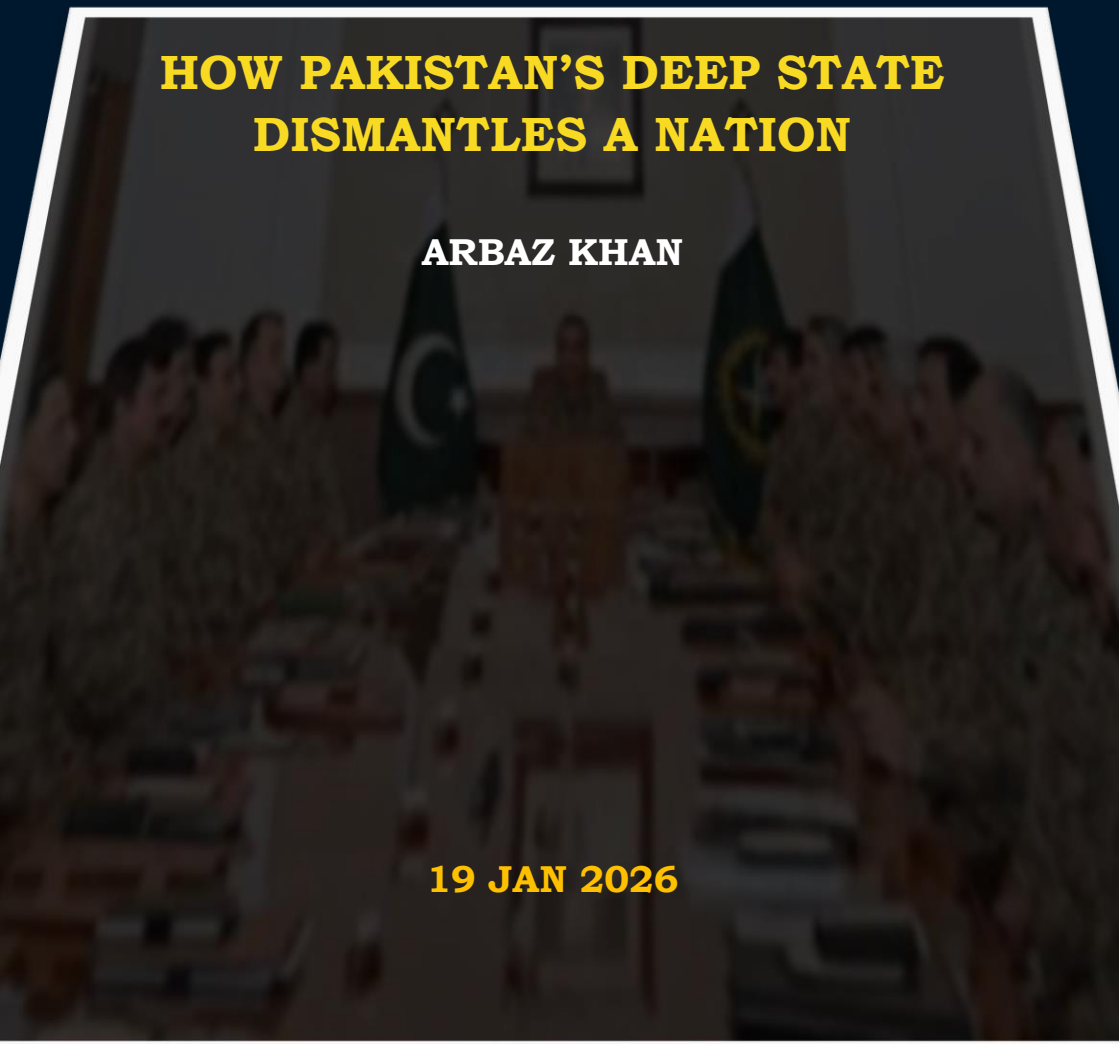

HOW PAKISTAN'S DEEP STATE DISMANTLES A NATION

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Somewhere in New Dehli's corridors of power, the architects of a twenty-year-old strategic blueprint might allow themselves a moment of silent, grim satisfaction. Their plan, it seems, has been executed to perfection.

In the mid-2000s, a provocative paper titled "Geo-Politics of South Asian Covert Action: India's Experience and Need for Action Against Pakistan" circulated among security circles, outlining a blueprint for India to engage in aggressive covert operations against its western neighbor. Authored by Dr. Bhashyam Kasturi and Pankaj Mehra, the document, penned around 2004 or 2005, advocated for infiltrating Pakistani institutions, disrupting economic hubs, and launching psychological operations to erode the dominance of Pakistan's military, Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), and bureaucracy. The goal was not to dismantle Pakistan but to *keep them occupied* in their own backyard, forcing a rethink of regional strategies and potentially opening doors to diplomacy. It envisioned sleeper agents, strike teams in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), and disinformation campaigns to sow internal discord, all while maintaining plausible deniability.

(PDF: Geopolitics of South Asian Covert Action .... Please view on the web)

Two decades later, this vision of calculated subversion reads less like a strategic masterstroke and more like a cautionary tale of unintended devastation. While the paper's authors framed covert action as a *tool of diplomacy*, the real-world proxy wars, manufactured conflicts, and external meddling that ensued have ravaged Pakistani society, stifled regional peace, and left ordinary citizens, particularly in volatile border regions like KP, bearing the brunt of elite power games.

Drawing on events from 2008 to Imran Khan's ouster in 2022, this article dissects the perils of such offensive plans, exposing how they perpetuate cycles of violence, economic ruin, and human suffering. It raises uncomfortable questions: In the pursuit of "national security," who truly wins, and at what cost to the masses?

The strategic blueprint's true perversion, however, lies not in its conception but in its unforeseen executor. The grim irony of the past two decades is that the most effective and devastating subversion of Pakistan's sovereignty has not been conducted by a foreign intelligence agency, but enthusiastically implemented from within by the very military-elite complex the paper targeted. This establishment, through a covert alliance of convenience with foreign powers, has systematically traded the nation's long-term security and unity for its own institutional perpetuation, unleashing a domestic tyranny that has meticulously fulfilled the paper's most destructive

prophecies while claiming to act as the nation's sole protector.

The proxy wars that intensified post-2008 did indeed cement a perpetual hostility with India, but for Pakistan's deep state this manufactured conflict served a more vital, cynical purpose. It provided an eternal justification for its political and economic supremacy while solidifying its utility to external patrons. The real revelation is in the nature of this patronage. As historical fractures show, the ISI, now an extended arm of CIA... has never been a monolithically anti-Western fortress; it has historically functioned as a critical conduit for American interests in the region, a role perfected during the Afghan Jihad. This evolved into a covert compact where the military establishment, in pursuit of guarantees for its own power, became active managers of a US-led security architecture that indirectly reinforces Indian hegemony. By suppressing indigenous political movements, containing China through the deliberate destabilization of Afghanistan, and funneling national strategy into a managed rivalry with India, Pakistan's generals became the guarantors of a status quo that inherently favors a divided and crisis-ridden subcontinent. The *thousand cuts* doctrine was always an illusion; the self-inflicted evisceration of Pakistan's own social contract is the brutal reality.

This Faustian bargain demanded an ever-increasing internal sacrifice, transforming the paper's theoretical *psychological operations* into a domestic reign of terror. The overthrow of *Imran Khan* in 2022 is the definitive case study in sovereign betrayal. His removal, engineered by the scheming military leadership under confirmed US

diplomatic pressure, was not a political transition but an act of capitulation. The subsequent fascistic crackdown; Khan's imprisonment on fabricated charges, the decimation of his party through mass arrests and military courts, the criminalization of dissent, exposes a state waging war against its own populace. This internal purge, executed to appease foreign masters and preserve the generals' corporate interests, has not just shattered democratic possibility; it has dynamited the very bridge between state and citizenry, leaving a chasm of nihilistic rage.

The human geography of Pakistan now hemorrhages from this auto-subversion. The paper's abstract "strike teams" are rendered pathetic by the reality of state-sanctioned militarization. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, from Swat to Tirah, and across the scarred plains of Balochistan, endless military operations under the hollow mantra of counter-terrorism have engineered waves of displacement, obliterated local economies, and fertilized a generations-deep hatred. The Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), a monster born from the original sin of the CIA-ISI jihad, now recruits from the ranks of those displaced and aggrieved by these very operations. The Baloch unrest, met with enforced disappearances and death squads, is not a foreign-inspired plot but a primordial revolt against a center that offers only extraction and repression. This is the ultimate blowback: not from Indian covert action, but from the military's own evil doctrine of internal colonization, a policy that cultivates the very centrifugal fires it claims to extinguish.

Thus, the corrupt and fascist core of the project is laid bare. The generals who auctioned sovereignty did so for personal and institutional preservation... for medals in Washington, for debt relief from the IMF, for the pathetic illusion of relevance. They have transmuted Pakistan into a client state whose stability is perpetually sacrificed at the altar of the military's corporate interests. In doing so, they have achieved what the Indian strategists of 2004 could only hypothesize: they have kept Pakistan catastrophically occupied, not with an external foe, but with its own meticulously managed implosion. The dominance of the military-ISI complex persists, but it is the sterile

dominance of a caretaker administration presiding over a controlled demolition.

This forces upon us harrowing questions for Pakistan's long-term existence:

- **When the guardians of the state are its primary saboteurs, what possible future exists for national cohesion?**
- **Can a nation survive when its strategic doctrine is subcontracted to foreign intelligence agencies whose ultimate interest is its contained disintegration?**
- **Is the relentless brutality in KP and Balochistan a strategy for integration, or the final blueprint for a Balkanization that serves external strategic designs?**
- **And who, in the final analysis, poses the existential threat? The external adversary plotting subversion, or the internal elite that executes it on their behalf, all while shrouding their treason in the sacred cloth of the flag?**

The conclusion is one of tragic foreclosure. The hidden cost of covert warfare is not merely the bloodshed in the borderlands or the drain on the treasury; it is the moral and political annihilation of the state itself by a leadership that willingly became the instrument of its own nation's subjugation. Security and unity can no longer be retrieved from Rawalpindi's paranoid corridors. They must be reclaimed from the ground up, by a people awakening to the devastating realization that their most formidable enemy has always commanded from headquarters, not across the border. Until that reclamation, Pakistan remains not a nation defending itself, but a geopolitical territory

being patiently dismantled by its own custodians. It stands as a living testament to the most devastating form of covert action: the kind that is not infiltrated, but enthusiastically, and profitably, invited in from the cold.

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